(*a*) whether the Railway lines from Chackai to Tampanur and the Railway Stations of Pettah and Tampanur are still in the possession and control of Government or whether they have been surrendered to the Company; and

(*b*) whether these places come within the jurisdiction of the Civil and Criminal Courts in the State?

MR. K. GEORGE: (*a*) They have been handed over to the Company.

(*b*) No.

Report of the Education Reforms Committee.

30. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the report of the "Statham Committee"?

MR. K. GEORGE: The report is being printed, and copies are not yet ready.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: As soon as they are received, will the member be pleased to state whether Government will be prepared to place it before the Council?

MR. K. GEORGE: After the report is printed copies will be placed before the House.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the report be placed before any action is taken on it?

MR. K. GEORGE: It will be placed before action on any important point is taken.

MR. K. K. THOMAS: May I know whether the report will be placed before the House before any action as to policy is taken?

MR. K. GEORGE: Yes.

Manager of the Excise Commissioner's Office.

31. MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla cum Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Head clerks in the Excise Commissioner's office are appointed as Managers;

(*b*) whether Head clerks are not lower in rank to First Grade Range Inspectors;

(*c*) whether Managers are sent out as Assistant Commissioners; and

(*d*) if so, whether Government recognise the appointment of Head clerks as Managers on Rs. 125 to Rs. 150 as a supersession of the claims of First Grade Range Inspectors on Rs. 100 to Rs. 125?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) By the appointment of Head clerks as Managers, they do not supersede First Grade Inspectors. For the purpose of further promotion as Assistant Excise Commissioner, First Grade Excise Inspectors who are otherwise seniors are ordinarily given preference.

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